

Pipeline Advisory Committee  
Minutes of August 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Len Freeman, Walter Norton, Kay Ogrodnik , Patty McGovern, Richard Barton, Amy Haible, Mark Wallace, and Terri Sawyer. Representatives from the Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Mid-Atlantic were Matthew Kurtz (Real Estate Contracting Officer), Caren Hendrickson (Environmental Project Manager), James Spoto (Project Manager), Heather McGee (Real Estate Specialist) and Steve Reiland the Navy's contractor.

The minutes of 12-18-2007 were accepted as submitted. Len will see that they are sent to Linda Strickland.

Old Business – none

New Business

The remainder of the meeting involved a presentation by and discussions with the Navy. The Navy representatives used a PowerPoint presentation to explain where they are in the process, and presented a timeline for completing the removal of the pipeline.

The Navy's contractor for the current phase of the effort has drafted an environmental assessment which is under review by the Navy. Particular attention will be paid to the wetlands and vegetation sites in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Navy plans a site walk Sept. 11, 2008 with Maine DEP.

A preliminary design for pipeline removal was completed August 6, 2008 and the final design is expected Nov. 2008. The Navy hopes to finish the permitting process and environmental assessment by Sept/Oct 2008. Public notice of the assessment's completion will appear in the newspaper in Nov. 2008 (est.).

Contract solicitation for pipeline removal will go out in Jan 2009 and the Navy expects two construction seasons extending through Oct. 2010. Amy and Mark requested bids be open to town's people. The Navy said there will be an open competition and all qualified contractors will have an opportunity to bid. Kristi Eiane will be notified prior to the solicitation date.

Mr. Kurtz was open to discussing the Town's desire that the release of easement go directly to the property owners and not to the Town.

Len requested the Town receive a copy of the draft FOST (Finding of Suitability to Transfer), which will identify conditions for the Quit Claim Deed.

The mechanics of pipe removal will be done causing the least inconvenience to the residents and their property. Notice will be made to residents prior to commencing.

Questions the Navy was unable to answer at this time included such things as emergency access when roads and driveways are cut during the pipeline removal phase, disposition of structures that may be in the right of way, condition of land once construction is over.

There may need to be a designated temporary holding area for the pipes after removal and this is yet to be determined.

The Navy intends to return for an informal update to the Committee and Selectmen in Nov (approx.). They, along with the selected removal contractor, will hold a formal public meeting with abutters tentatively in March, 2009 (est.).

The Navy was commended for their informative presentation, their willingness to work with the Town and for being right on schedule for removal to start next spring.

#### Next Meeting

Next meeting will be at the call of the co-chairs.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.